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Dr. Raymond Jacobson: New Chief of CSR's Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics Integrated Review Group

The NIH Center for Scientific Review (CSR) has named Dr. Raymond Jacobson Chief of its Biological Chemistry and Macromolecular Biophysics (BCMB) Integrated Review Group. He has served as the Scientific Review Officer for CSR's Instrumentation and Systems Development; Mathematical Modeling of Biological Systems; and Molecular Structure and Function B study sections.



"After a nationwide search, Dr. Jacobson was chosen from an exceptional group of candidates," said CSR Director Dr. Richard Nakamura. "He brings a strong record of scientific accomplishment in molecular biophysics and significant experience in scientific peer review administration." Dr. Nakamura noted that Dr. Jacobson has led several important trans-NIH initiatives for CSR and he has been CSR's point person for program and center grant reviews.

[BCMB](#) comprises seven study sections and many more special emphasis panels that review NIH grant applications for research on biochemical, biophysical, and chemical approaches to biomedical problems.

Dr. Jacobson came to CSR from the University of Texas, MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas, where he was an assistant professor, conducting research on structural and biophysical aspects of eukaryotic RNA polymerase II general transcription machinery. Prior to this, he did his postdoctoral training in the molecular and cell biology department at the University of California, Berkeley. He earned his Ph.D. in physics in the area of structural biology from the University of Oregon in Eugene.

About CSR

CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate the majority of grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

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